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HONOR DOWN IN OLD KENTUCKY

Miss Pollard Brings Gallant Colonel Breckenridge Before the Bar.

THE SENSATIONAL CASE OPENED

Examination of Witnesses for the Prosecution - Convincing Testimony of the Widow of Ex-Governor Blackburn - The Fair Plaintiff Weeps While the Defendant Chats Unconcernedly with His Counsel.

WASHINGTON, March 9.

ONE of the first persons to enter the circuit court room this morning was Miss Madeline Pollard, the plaintiff in the suit against Congress in W. P. C. Breckenridge.

This was the first sight of the plaintiff vouchsafed to the scandal-loving crowd who crowded the trial before a court of honor before the trial began she was the target of all eyes and the subject of many curious comments.

Miss Pollard is an attractive-looking young woman, whose appearance would indicate that she has attained 30 years, with a slender, girlish figure, which was covered by a long black skirt. Her face was nearly colorless, with a small, piquant mouth, upturned nose, flashing black eyes and heavy dark brown hair. She wore a small black bonnet.

Two ladies accompanied her and sat beside her at the table with her counsel, directly in front of the judge. One of them, an elderly lady dressed in black, was one of the sisters of the Episcopal House of Refuge, in which Miss Pollard is sheltered. The other who sat beside the plaintiff, was a well-dressed lady of middle age, who figured as friend of Miss Pollard, but whose identity every one vainly endeavored to discover. Miss Pollard's lawyers were not communicative on this point, and the lady's name remains a mystery.

Miss Pollard seemed quite at her ease. Her face was covered with a thin veil, which in no way concealed her features. She talked with her lawyers most of the time prior to court opening.

MR. CARLISLE OPENS THE CASE.

The trial was really commenced when Mr. Carlisle faced the jury, leaning languidly against a table and in deliberate conversational tones outlined the matters which the plaintiff would endeavor to prove. He contrasted the positions of two parties - one a man of family, of political prominence, high in the councils of the Presbyterian church, famous through out the country as an orator, the other a friendless young woman. Something was said about the legal aspects of the case. Then he began to read the declaration which was published in full when the suit was brought, alleging how Colonel Breckenridge had taken advantage of Miss Pollard's youth when she was a girl of 19 at the Wesleyan Female Seminary, and then further alleging that he was the father of her three children; that he had in the presence of credible witnesses promised to marry her, having previously made the promise to become her husband when his wife should die; that he had married instead a Miss Louise Wing, of Louisville, that Miss Pollard had endeavored to leave him and make a career for herself, but had been persuaded to continue as his mistress because of her love for him.

THE PLAINTIFF AGITATED.

During the reading Miss Pollard flushed crimson. She trembled violently and buried her face in a handkerchief. Colonel Breckenridge chatted in a matter of fact way with his lawyer. Attorney Carlisle is a suave, polished, gentleman, with a high-bred air. He spoke in a manner devoid of any court-room embellishments, so that his address was the more effective, as he laid down the document, concluding:

"That, gentlemen, is the story of my client. She does not come here saying that she is devoid of fault or blame, but there is the promise of marriage and its breach, the issue of this case."

MRS. BLACKBURN'S TESTIMONY.

Mrs. Julia Blackburn, widow of Ex-Governor Luke Blackburn, of Kentucky, was the first witness called. She stated that Breckenridge in her presence said he would marry Miss Pollard. The testimony of Mrs. Blackburn was interesting. She said she lived in Louisville. In answer to Mr. Carlisle she said she knew Colonel Breckenridge and Miss Pollard. She had seen them together in her own apartments in this city on Good Friday in 1893. When she entered the room Colonel Breckenridge said: "Mrs. Blackburn, I want to place this young lady under your protection, I expect her to become nearer to me, and she needs your motherly care. I expect to marry her when sufficient time has elapsed after the death of my wife."

CORBETT'S NIGHTMARE.

Peter Jackson, the colored pugilist, is in Excellent Condition.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Peter Jackson, the negro pugilist, was physically examined today by Dr. John W. Gibbs. Jackson's condition is perfect. His weight is 210 pounds, stripped, height six feet and one-half inch, in his bare feet.

ZIMMERMAN'S FUTURE.

The Rap'd Wheelman Expects to Turn Professional.

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on the charge of embezzling \$30,000 of the bank's money, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields this morning and held in \$20,000 bail.

In default of bail he was confined in Ludlow Street jail, where he will await trial before Judge Benedict of the federal courts next Monday.

PERISH IN THE FLAMES.

Horrible Death of an Aged Couple at Delia an.

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PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

An Important Gathering of the Representative Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EASTON, Pa., March 9.—The Laymen's association of the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference held its second annual meeting at the Second Street Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon. Representative laymen from all over the conference were present. John E. James, M. D. of Philadelphia, presided, and addressed the laymen on the broadening spirit of the brotherhood of Methodism.

A committee was appointed to revise the constitution and an amendment was offered to the effect that delegates may be men or women. These officers were elected: President, Dr. John E. James, of Philadelphia; vice-president, north district, John D. Patterson, Easton; west district, S. M. Myers, Lancaster; south district, Henry High, Reading; south district, Philip D. Horst, Philadelphia; Treasurer, William M. Whitecar, Philadelphia; Secretary, Robert S. Meembs, M. D., Philadelphia.

A. M. Burton, of Philadelphia, addressed the body on "The Connectional Spirit of the Church," which was well received and fully discussed. John D. Patterson, of Easton, read a lengthy paper on "The removal of the pastoral time limit." He favored the present rule of five years, and in the discussion which followed his views were upheld.

Hon. John Field, ex-postmaster of Philadelphia, delivered an address upon "Well Digging, or Early Methodism." He was followed by J. C. Merrill, of Easton, who spoke upon "The Laymen, the Conservative Element in Methodism."

There were 132 laymen present and many took part in the various discussions. The audience at both meetings were very large.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Burt Sebring, of Rich, in Jail Awaiting a Trial.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., March 9.—S. W. Burt Sebring, of Rush, Susquehanna county, has been committed to the county jail in Montrose, without bail, to answer to the grand jury on a charge of having drowned his babe.

He will be formally indicted for murder.

BLAZE AT MIDNIGHT.

A Disastrous Fire Raging at Wilmington, Delaware.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 9.—Fire at midnight in the buildings of the Wilmington Abattoir and cold storage company ruined 100 head of dressed cattle.

The loss is not known.

ROLL OF THE GRIM REAPER.

At Monmouth, Ill., Rev. Dr. J. W. Logue, aged 82, a pioneer Presbyterian preacher of the West.

Cornelius Harling, 60 years of age, overseer of the vast estate of ex-Minister to Germany William Walter Phelps, of Hackensack, N. J.

Colonel A. B. Ellis, aged 42, who commanded the British forces in the campaign recently conducted against the Sohas in the Sierra Leone.

Calixt B. Bragg, of the book publishing firm of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., in a railroad car going from New York to Cincinnati. He was 70 years old and left \$30,000.

At South Chester, Pa., John A. Watts, colored, director of the poor of Delaware county. He had also been alternate delegate to the Republican National convention that nominated Harrison, as well as school director of South Chester.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

A cheap blank cartridge, invented by Tallof Drove, of Monheim, Germany, will reduce the cost of the annual maneuvers \$1,200,000, it is claimed.

M. Nidloff, Russian Ambassador at Constantinople, will probably be recalled to St. Petersburg to succeed M. de Giers as minister of foreign affairs.

A project for electoral reform in Austria would add to the 333 deputies now elected to the Reichsrath another group chosen by citizens paying an annual tax of \$1.72.

Cardinal Leon Benoit Charles Thomas, archbishop of Rouen, who has been ill for some time, died in Rouen yesterday morning. He was born in France in 1835 and was elevated to the cardinalate in 1893.

The chamber of deputies at Rome by an overwhelming majority voted to prosecute Joseph De Felice, Guiffradio, of Catania, for alleged complicity in the Sicilian anarchism. The announcement of the vote was received with applause.

ANOTHER GRIP SUICIDE.

Crushed by the Disease, George Moates Cuts His Throat.

CARLEISLE, Pa., March 9.—George B. Moates of near Hagerstown, Md., committed suicide this morning.

He was confined to his bed with the grip and securing a razor from his wife for the ostensible purpose of peeling an orange, he cut his throat from ear to ear. He was 50 years of age.

PRAYED INTO TRANCES.

Illinois Evangelists Throw Men and Women Into Insane Excitement.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 9.—Much excitement exists in this county over the results of the preaching of two

THEOSOPHY IN THORNY PATHS

The Disciples of Madame Blavatsky in a Peculiar Muddle.

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PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 9.

SAN FRANCISCO special to the Dispatch gives an amusing story of trouble in the ranks of Theosophy in the following: "Frisco theosophists promise to furnish a lively news when Hierophant William Q. Judge, of New York arrives here next month to take part in the eighth annual convention of the theosophists in America. Judge promised to come here last fall to settle serious differences in the local society, but he failed to keep his promise, so the quarrel has been smoldering ever since."

It originated in the discovery by Mrs. Allen W. Griffiths, wife of the Pacific coast lecturer of the society, of a package of letters written to her husband by Mrs. Vera Stanislavna House, Secretary of the society. Mrs. Griffiths was overcome when she read these letters for they were ardent in tone and hopes were expressed of mutual felicity when their hands were free from present fetters. Mrs. Griffiths has great confidence in her husband, whom she likens to Joseph in his power of resisting temptation, but she at once complained to Judge that Mrs. Beane should be disposed. Judge counseled secrecy and promised to come out and give the matter his personal attention, but failed. So Mrs. Griffiths proposed to go into the convention with these letters unless Judge forces Mrs. Beane to retire from her position.

What makes it awkward for Hierophant Judge is that he is a great admirer of Mrs. Beane. Upon his desk in New York are two pictures, one of Madame Blavatsky and the other of Mrs. Beane, and the Frisco theosophist is far the handsomer woman. She is of middle age, but she has great personal magnetism and is remarkably well preserved. She seems to attract men, for she always has a large following even when younger women are present. Hence jealousy has arisen, and if Mrs. Griffiths produces her compromising letters there will not be any mourning among the pretty young female theosophists.

Besides acting as arbitrator in this case Hierophant Judge will have to look closely after his fence or he may be leaped from the general secretaryship. Much bitter feeling has been aroused against him in California by what is claimed as his illicit methods of canvassing for support. He is accused of utilizing Mahatmic letters to strengthen his influence. Several prominent theosophists here have received Mahatmic letters in such queer American wording as "Stick by Judge" and "Stand by Judge."

A Mahatmic letter written on light fine rice paper, thought to be manufactured in Tibet only. The writing is in red or blue. The theory is that no fleshly hand impresses the sentences on paper. The writing is attributed to a presiding deity of the "The Mahatma" thinks what he wishes written and immediately the paper is marked with the words, the color falling from the atmosphere.

IT MAY CAUSE A ROW.

As the Mahatma knows what each adept is doing, he is thus able to slip one of his letters into the same envelope with an earthly letter. The theosophist who receives such an enclosed letter is sworn not to reveal the secret, but the indignation of some local believers proved too strong for their oath. One case here excited much comment and will be brought before the coming convention. While Judge was making his tour on this coast a Mahatmic letter was received by a theosophist of note in India. It urged strongly the support of Judge. It was in a letter which a gentleman in Southern California sent to the theosophist in the Orient.

The latter doubted the authenticity of the Mahatmic message, and, without alluding to it, he, in replying, inquired where Judge was at the time his correspondent wrote. He learned that Judge was at the Californian's house. Judge has been directly accused of being the author of the so-called Mahatmic letters. The skepticism about these airy epistles is on the increase and the abuse of the Mahatmic letter will be ventilated at this convention.

Among prominent theosophists who will attend the convention are: Secretary Judge, Ernst T. Harzrova, a rising young barrister of London; Professor J. D. Buck, dean of the Homeopathic Medical College of Cincinnati, and Claude Wright, of London, for a time Madame Blavatsky's private secretary. There are twenty-eight branches of the society on this coast and 600 members.

THE HOUSE HAS PASSED A BILL TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS.

It is said the administration would like to see Secretary Herbert succeed Mr. Morgan in the senate from Alabama.

The Washington Light Infantry has presented a ship's bell to the secretary of the navy for use on the cruiser Columbia.

Secretary Lamont has accepted the resignation of Captain M. W. Lyon, of the army ordnance department, thus allowing him to escape court-martial for alleged small irregularities in his account.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Forecast for Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania, showers in the early morning; fair Saturday; slightly warmer except stationary temperature on the coast; east winds becoming southeast, for western Pennsylvania, fair, slightly warmer south winds.

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